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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY KATZ

1. THE FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS HAVE BEEN PREPARED FOR
YOUR INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS IN LONDON WITH MEMBERS OF
THE INTERNATIONAL SUGAR ORGANIZATION. THEY HAVE BEEN
CLEARED BY TREASURY, COMMERCE AND USDA.

-- THE NEW ADMINISTRATION IS ACTIVELY WORKING ON THE
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FORMULATION OF ITS SUGAR POLICY.

-- THERE IS A STRONG CONSENSUS IN THE ADMINISTRATION TO
SEEK A NEW INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT AS A FUNDAMENTAL
PART OF OUR LONG TERM SUGAR POLICY.

-- UNFORTUNATELY, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO BRING A NEW ISA

INTO OPERATION BEFORE NEXT YEAR. IN THE MEANTIME, THERE IS STRONG PRESSURE FOR SOME INTERIM MEASURES TO ASSIST OUR DOMESTIC PRODUCERS. WHAT THESE MEASURES MIGHT BE IS NOT CLEAR.

-- REGARDING AN ISA, OUR PRESENT THINKING IS THAT IT

SHOULD BE BASED BOTH ON MANAGEMENT OF NATIONALLY HELD STOCKS IN PRODUCER COUNTRIES AND ON EXPORT QUOTAS.

-- STRONG STOCK PROVISIONS ARE NEEDED TO PROVIDE EFFECTIVE PROTECTION FOR CONSUMERS ON THE HIGH SIDE OF THE MARKET.

-- QUOTAS SHOULD BE ALLOCATED REALISTICALLY ON OBJECTIVE CRITERIA.

-- THE QUESTION OF PRICE RANGES IN A NEW ISA IS COMPLICATED BY THE GROWTH OF THE RELATIVELY LOW COST HFCS INDUSTRY IN THE U.S. AND ELSEWHERE. ON THE ONE HAND, THE U.S. IS NOT PREPARED TO PLACE ARTIFICIAL RESTRAINTS ON THE GROWTH OF HFCS. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE DO NOT FEEL WE CAN ACCEPT A PRICE FLOOR WHICH PROVIDES AN UMBRELLA FOR ACCELERATED EXPANSION OF THE INDUSTRY.

-- WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO MAKE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS EARLY IN THE NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE. BEFORE OUR POSITION CAN BE MADE FINAL, HOWEVER, WE MUST CONDUCT EXTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE CONGRESS.
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